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Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	22211	Agenda Number	20.
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Meeting Date:	March 7, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of a 5-year Interlocal Agreement with TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE, to allow the City of Austin to participate in this agency's cooperative purchasing program to purchase various types of wildland fire protection equipment and supplies offered through the GSA National WildFire Program.

Amount and Source of Funding

Procurements under this interlocal agreement will not be made unless funds are available in appropriate Departmental budgets.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	Interlocal Agreement
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This Interlocal Agreement is exempt from the MBE/WBE Ordinance. This exemption is in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
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Additional Backup Information

This interlocal agreement will allow the City of Austin to participate in the purchase of various types of wildland fire protection equipment and supplies through the GSA National WildFire Program. Through national solicitations, GSA Global Supply provides the opportunity for members to purchase equipment and supplies through nationally leveraged, competitively bid contracts, resulting in volume discounts.

The National WildFire Program includes, but is not limited to items such as: protective clothing, fire shelters, field packs, and fire line tools.

Only those non-federal organizations that have a written cooperative agreement with the USDA Forest Service to furnish wildfire protection may be assigned an Activity Address Code to use the GSA Wildfire Protection Equipment & Supplies Catalog. i.e. the U.S. Forest Service has an agreement with the State Forester, who in-turn has an agreement with a local non-Federal firefighting organization, that qualifies. This contract will authorize the City of Austin to utilize the GSA National WildFire Program through a Memo of Understanding with the Texas A&M Forest Service. The rationale is that the U.S. Forest Service can request the State Forester to activate a local cooperator for fire support.

Purchases exceeding the City Manager's authorized administrative authority will be brought forward for City Council's review and approval on a case by case basis prior to ordering the products.

This agreement is entered into the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code.